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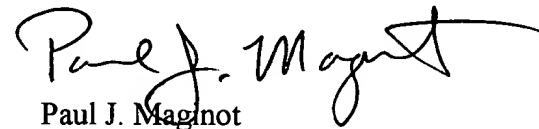
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby disclose the references identified on the attached Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed, regarding the above-identified patent application. A copy of a search report of the European Patent Office identifying the four (4) references is also enclosed.

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Each item of information contained in this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, it is believed that no fees are due for consideration of this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. The document FR 2 776 918 appears to disclose an acetabular cup prosthetic component configured to be implanted in the acetabulum of a patient.

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